ing it. When I say 'I', I mean the Ministry.

I agree that the allegations are very serious. That is why the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies also gave a notice for supersession of the Board. When the internal audit report comes, certainly the Ministry will look into it and do all that is possible and proper in the case.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question. Question No. 466.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, you have not permitted me to ask question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee has exhausted his quota of supplementaries.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, it has been discovered by the external auditors. Internal auditors had failed to find this out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have gone to the next question.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: But, Sir, this is the thing which he should look after.

New licences for Sugar Factories in .... Maharashtra ....

*466. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for altering the licencing policy for Cooperative Sugar factories;

(b) if so what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for licences are pending before the Central Government and if so, by when these are expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Licensing Policy for Seventh Five Year Plan is at an advanced stage of consideration and is likely to be announced soon.

(c) In the absence of an approved Licensing Policy, all applications received during the Seventh Plan, that is from 1-10-1985 have been considered and rejected. One application for grant of a licence for setting up a new 1250 TCD sugar factory has been received on 1-12-1986 from M/s. Amba Khandsari Sakhar Sahakari Sanstha Ltd., Anjangaon-Surji, Tal. Anjangaon-Surji, Distt. Amravati, Maharashtra.

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Sir the Government of Maharashtra has made a request for modification in licensing policy, to enable the State Government to get more cooperative sugar factories for exploiting the vast potential of sugarcane available in the State. In addition, spread of cooperative sugar factories have led to very major economic development of rural areas.

I would, therefore, like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is going to allow a special dispensation to Maharashtra Government for granting such licences pending finalisation of policy.

I would also like to know how many applications were considered and rejected during the period from 1-10-1985 to 30-11-1986 and whether the same were rejected on merits or only for want of an approved licensing policy and whether after the...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have exhausted all your supplementaries.

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Sir, this is a part of the question only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are exhausting all your supplementaries.

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Whether after the finalisation of new policy, these rejected applications were reconsidered?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I am grateful to the hon. lady Member for putting this question. The Maharashtra Government certainly wrote to us. They wanted further sugar development in that State as in many other States. Now, the whole policy as I have said is at a very advanced stage and is likely to be announced soon. We are very keen to have more sugar for the country. We are very keen to have it in Maharashtra and other places. A certain criteria will be laid down in the policy.

The Member wanted to know, as to how many applications were received and how many were rejected in the whole country. From 1-8-1985 to 30-9-1986, 27 applications were received, 27 were rejected (*Interruptions*). I will explain why they were rejected. Out of 27, 14 of them filed appeals which are pending. The applications were rejected, because the policy was not framed. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Industry, applications are supposed to be disposed of within 60 days. Now, they are free to make fresh applications which also depends on its capacity, care availability etc. When we announce the policy, those applicants whose applications were rejected, are free to make new applications taking into account the new policy. Those who have appealed their cases will be considered as per the new policy.

With regard to Maharashtra, she wanted to know how many applications were received. Sir, 5 applications were received during the period which I have mentioned. Five applications were rejected and three of them have filed appeals.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary.

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Sir, I would also like to know from the hon. Minister, as to why these important policies have not yet been decided and finalised, as a lot, in terms of economic issues would depend on early finalisation of the policy. Will the hon. Minister kindly indicate by what time he will announce the policy? He said that it will be announced 'soon'. Sir, this word 'soon' is no meaning. I want to know by what time he will announce?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: To satisfy the hon. Member, I will use the word 'very soon' instead of 'soon'.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Sir, whether it is a fact that the Sugar Mills Association has submitted a memorandum to the Government requesting that no new licences should be given to the sugar factories in the cooperative sector and the private sugar mills should be allowed expansion. What is the views of the Government on this?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, it is true that the Sugar Mills Association has submitted a memorandum wherein they have raised some points. But it is for the Government to decide these things. As I have said earlier, all these policy decisions including the point raised by the hon. Member are going to be announced very soon.

श्री नरेश सी० पुगलिया : सभापति जी, 1-10-85 के पहले महाराष्ट्र में विदर्भ और मराठवाड़ा के लिए शुगर फैक्ट्रीज के लिए 8 लाइसेंस ग्रांट किये गये थे। लेकिन उनके पास फाइनेंस न होने की वजह से शुगर फैक्ट्रीज का काम शुरु न हो सका।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO

Self-financing schemes of the DDA

QUESTION

*462. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of self-financing schemes for the construction of flats which have been started by the DDA during the last three years;